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REMARKS

Having complied with the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment by listing canceled claims 1-27, consideration of the Amendment and Response submitted on December 11, 2003 is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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